

**MINUTES FOR AUGUST 17, 2018**  
**BOARD OF CHEROKEE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**  
**CHEROKEE COUNTY, KANSAS**

**CONVENE**

Chairman Cory Moates called the Special Session of the Cherokee County Board of Commissioners (The Board), to order at 9:00 a.m. on Friday, August 17, 2018 in the District Courtroom of the Cherokee County Courthouse located at 110 W Maple St., Columbus, Kansas. Commissioner Moates opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. Commissioners Cory Moates, Pat Collins, Neal Anderson, County Counselor Barbara Wright, and County Clerk Rodney Edmondson were present.

The Board of County Commissioners convened at 9:00 a.m. as the Board of Canvassers for the purpose of canvassing the Primary Election that was held on Tuesday, August 7, 2018. Appearing from the County Clerk & Election Office was County Clerk & Election Officer Rodney Edmondson, Deputy Clerk Paula Cheney, and Susan Jones for the purpose of taking the minutes. County Counselor Barbara Wright was also present.

Edmondson and Cheney presented reports detailing the vote totals from Election Day, Early Voters, and Advance by Mail for the Board to review. Edmondson reported that totals so far represent an 18.9% voter turnout. The 71 provisional ballots increase the turnout percentage to 19.3%.

Edmondson and Cheney presented 71 provisional ballot envelopes for consideration to the Board of Canvassers. 27 envelopes were recommended to be accepted, while 44 envelopes were recommended to be rejected. Edmondson and Cheney provided a list of reasons and explanations for the recommendations.

A motion was made by Commissioner Anderson to accept 27 provisional envelopes and to reject 44 envelopes as recommended. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Collins. The motion carried 3-0.

At 9:10 a.m. the Board convened in the office of the County Clerk & Election Officer to run the accepted provisional ballots through the M100 ballot tabulation machine for counting. The Special Board consisting of Supervising Judge Marcia Trease, Judge Geneva Grubbs, Dayna Ray, and Joree French, opened the sealed provisional ballot envelopes, removed the ballots, and inserted them into the M100 for tabulation. The same Special Board also tabulated by hand the write-in ballots that were included in the provisional ballots. The results were added to the final totals.

At 9:47 a.m. the Board reconvened in the District Courtroom to review the final election results as presented by Edmondson and Cheney. A total of 2,982 ballots were cast and counted. Cheney provided a list of candidates that received enough votes to be elected or nominated to office during the August 7, 2018 Primary.

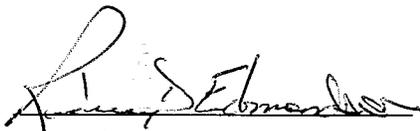
Edmondson stated to the Board that the results were a true and accurate account of the ballot count and vote totals in the Primary Election held on August 7, 2018.

A motion was made by Commissioner Moates to certify the August 7, 2018 Primary Election. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Anderson. The motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Collins brought to the attention of the Board and Election Officials that two items that were mailed out the Friday before the primary were not signed by anyone, which is a violation of Kansas Law 25-2407. He stated that he would be turning the items over to the County Attorney with the hope that he will have the Sheriff investigate.

Commissioner Moates made a motion to adjourn until the next regular meeting set for Monday, August 20, 2018 at 9:00 a.m. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Anderson. The motion carried 3-0 at 10:00 a.m.

**ATTEST:** Resolved and ordered this 20<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2018

  
Cherokee County Clerk

  
Commissioner

  
Commissioner

  
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